

ANNUAL REPORT ON THE HEALTH
OF THE
BOROUGH OF FOWEY.
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STATISTICS and SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

Area (in acres).....	2,979
Registrar General's estimate of Resident Population....	2,100
Number of inhabited houses.....	637
Rateable Value (March 1946).....	£17,050.
Sum represented by a Penny Rate	£67

Conditions within the Borough have now fully returned to a normal peace-time basis, and the ordinary daily routine of the population resumed.

The china-clay trade remains the chief industry of the area and the figures of vessels and tonnage entering the Port have shown a definite increase over those of the past two years. Owing to the ordinary North Atlantic shipping services not having returned to a normal peace-time basis, quite a number of passengers have taken advantage of the accommodation available in American "Liberty" ships, which, before returning to U.S.A., have called for a certain amount of clay as ballast. 154 British subjects and 198 Aliens, making a total of 352, have embarked at Fowey during the course of the year.

It has been my duty, as Port Medical Officer of Health, to examine these people on embarkation in order to make sure that they were not the subjects of infectious or contagious disease.

VITAL STATISTICS.

Live Births (Legitimate)	21 Males; 12 Females.
Live Births (Illegitimate)	1 Male; 1 Female.
Live Birth-Rate per 1,000 of Resident population	16.6.
Annual Birth-Rate for England and Wales	19.1
Annual Birth-Rate for 148 ' Smaller Towns '	21.3
Still Births	1 (legitimate)
Total number of Deaths (all causes)	28
Death-Rate per 1,000 of estimated Resident Population	13.3
Annual Death-Rate (all causes) for England and Wales ...	11.5
Annual Death-Rate for 148 ' Smaller Towns '	11.7
Deaths from puerperal causes.....	None
Death of infants under 1 year	1
Death from Cancer (all ages)	8

CLASSIFICATION OF DEATHS DURING 1946.

Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	1
Other forms of Tuberculosis (Peritonitis)	1
Cancer of stomach	3
Cancer of breast	1
Cancer of other sites	4
Intracranial vascular lesions	2
Heart Disease	7
Bronchitis	1
Nephritis	1
Infantile Diseases	1
Suicide.....	1
All other causes	5

INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED.

February	1 Diphtheria
April	1 Measles
August	1 Varicella
November and December	2 Scarlet Fever.

Apart from these few cases of notifiable disease the health of the Borough has been good and there have been no epidemics.

M E T E O R O L O G I C A L D A T A

	<u>RAINFALL.</u>	(average)	<u>SUNSHINE.</u>	(average)
January	4.13 ins.	4.07	61.6 hrs.	56.8
February	3.52	2.93	67.5	75.6
March	2.61	2.65	92.6	129.9
April	1.42	2.19	210.0	173.5
May	4.70	2.46	177.4	193.3
June	3.63	1.95	194.6	217.2
July	2.23	2.70	203.4	190.9
August	4.27	2.91	130.8	178.5
September	5.54	2.62	90.0	147.2
October	2.74	3.91	80.1	110.1
November	6.41	4.16	62.9	71.7
December	6.77	4.13	90.4	55.5
	<hr/> 47.97	<hr/> 36.68	<hr/> 1461.3	<hr/> 1600.2

1946 has proved to be the wettest year since Records were commenced in 1912.

The total rainfall was above the average, being 47.97 ins. as against 36.68 ins. February, May, June, August, September, November and December all showed rainfall well above the average, and there was only one dry period of note, viz. the first half of April.

Sunshine hours were 132.8 hours below the average.

HOUSING.

There were no building operations of note until the month of October, when the post-war programme of Council houses was commenced in the form of 10 houses and 1 set of flats.

WATER.

Samples to the number of 16 have been sent for analysis during the year. The majority of these were classed as "satisfactory" but there were a few, not all from the same source, in which the presence of excremental organisms was reported. These were at once cut out of supply and intensive chlorination carried out until a satisfactory report was received.

Owing to the abnormally wet season there has been no water "crisis" such as almost inevitably occurs when the annual rainfall is deficient.

ANTI-DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION.

This has been carried out as necessary during the year, and publicity given by means of posters and leaflets. 40 children under fifteen years were inoculated during the year, 29 of these being under five, and 11 between five and fourteen.

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